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Railways Catering Contracts for SC/ST
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of major and minor catering contracts at railway stations awarded to SCs and STs as per the reservation policy of the Railways, zone-wise and division-wise;
(b) the details of the criteria/norms being followed by the Railways for allotment of catering contracts under the reservation policy; and
(c) whether the Railways are considering to allow SCs/STs to form cooperatives to participate in tendering process so as to enable them to meet the eligibility criteria for allotment of such contracts and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (c): In the new Catering Policy, 2010 in continuation of previous Catering Policies, the provision of 25% reservation in allotment of minor static unit at A, B & C categories and 49.5% reservation in allotment of minor static unit at D, E, & F categories of stations has been made with a view to protect interest of socially backward and economically weaker sections of the people. Out of the total 25% reservation at A, B and C category stations, a quota of 6% for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and 4% for Scheduled Tribes (STs) has been reserved for allotment of minor catering units. Similarly, out of the total reservation of 49.5% at D, E & F category of stations, a quota of 12% and 8% for SCs and STs respectively has been reserved. The details of minor catering contracts at railway stations awarded to SCs and STs as per the reservation policy of the Railways are annexed.
Major units are awarded through open, competitive, two packet tender system having stringent eligibility criteria so as to provide professional good quality catering services to the travelling public. Applicants from reserved category can also participate in the bidding system of major units subject to fulfilment of the eligibility criteria, since, there is no provision of reservation in award of major units.
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